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House Resolution No. 4615

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious organizations that have proven to be exemplary components of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Lewis Memorial Chapel United Methodist Church of Crescent, Missouri, was established in 1807 and will celebrate the Bicentennial Anniversary of that event on September 16, 2007; and

Whereas, known for its generous, loving congregation that welcomes all and seeks to show the love of God in practical and caring ways, Lewis Memorial Chapel United Methodist Church provides for the spiritual and physical needs of the surrounding community through church services and contributions to local food pantries and other charitable organizations, and

Whereas, Lewis Memorial Chapel United Methodist Church also demonstrates compassion for the needs of other around the globe through its contributions to worldwide missions; and

Whereas, currently led by the Reverend Mary Ann Hamer, Lewis Memorial Chapel United Methodist Church is a part of the Gateway Central District of the United Methodist Church in Missouri; and

Whereas, Lewis Memorial Chapel United Methodist Church has carried on the faith of the original congregation by bringing a message of hope and love to the local community and the entire world and by persevering as a house lit with hope for all:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Lewis Memorial Chapel United Methodist Church and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as the congregation celebrates the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of its church; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Lewis Memorial Chapel United Methodist Church of Crescent, Missouri.